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Acknowledgement of Reply Brief

The reply brief filed 11-16-2005 has been entered and considered but no further response by the examiner is deemed necessary. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Marcus Charles
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Primary Examiner
Art Unit: 3682
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:
SOKICHI NOSAKA ET AL
Ser. No.: 09/772,137
Filed: 1/29/01

) A POWER TRANSMISSION BELT
) HAVING A MARK THEREON AND A
) METHOD OF PROVIDING A MARK ON
) A POWER TRANSMISSION BELT
Examiner: Marcus Charles
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APPELLANT'S REPLY BRIEF UNDER 37 CFR §41.41

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Sir:

*Reply Brief Noted
4/03/2006 Charles*

The Examiner has withdrawn all previous rejections. There are now two issues for appeal.

Issue No. 1

Whether claims 1, 4-7, 9-20 and 40 are obvious under 35 USC §103 over Japanese Patent Publication No. 10252833 (Japan '833) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,103,349 (Matsumoto¹).

Issue No. 2

Whether claims 38, 39 and 41 are obvious under 35 USC §103 over Matsumoto in view of Japan '833.

¹ Claim 8, included by the Examiner in the rejection, was cancelled and is not at issue.